

**13th October
2017**

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Yet again we had an amazing turnout at our Macmillan fund raiser and managed to raise an impressive £230.18. Thank you to everybody who

baked, bought, tasted and made it happen. This is such an important and meaningful charity and we are thrilled to be able to support it. Please visit the website with your children to find out more about where the money goes.

<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why/>



14th October 2017, 10-12.

Out & About

Please come and join us this Saturday for our first session of the year. If you are able to bring gardening tools and gloves with you that would be a great help. Children are welcome as always and the weather is looking good!

Parent Questionnaire.

At the end of the academic year we asked you to complete our annual questionnaire to receive your valuable feedback and work to make improvements to our school. Thank you to those who completed it; we had just over 25% return rate this year.

We were very pleased to see such positive responses across all areas and some very kind and affirming comments were included at the end of the questionnaire. Particular strengths highlighted by the questionnaire related to providing a solid foundation

for the future for children and that the children feel safe. Communication remains a priority for improvement and we have put in place a number of things that were suggested that will hopefully make a difference:

- Whole year list of dates has already been sent out at the start of the academic year
- Dates for the year are now on the school calendar on the website
- Classes will produce half-termly newsletters, including curriculum letters
- We will aim to send Parentmails that focus on one main point and have a clear title making it easier to select those that are important to you
- We will work with FONS to communicate information about events in a more timely fashion

Although I am not able to include details of every individual comment in this newsletter, if you expressed any specific points in the questionnaire that you feel you would like to discuss in more detail I am happy to arrange a face to face meeting.

Breakfast Club

We have been listening to comments made by parents regarding the initiation of before school provision for those who would benefit from an earlier drop-off. We are now pleased to be able to offer a breakfast club here at Newdigate School starting after the half-term so, if you are interested in using this facility, please ask for an information pack from the office. If you would like your child to attend any sessions the week after half-term, make sure you return the forms and payment next week. Parents will be charged £3.00 per session (8.15-8.50 a.m.) per child - payment must be made in advance - and children do not need to attend all days. The sessions will be run in the Badger's Den by Miss Stanford, one of our EYFS teaching assistants.

Readathon.

A huge thank you to the many parents that came along and supported our **Readathon** last week. Reading is such an important life skill, and if we can raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves at the same time as enjoying books it can only be a win/win situation!



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

This week the children attended an assembly led by a representative from the NSPCC helping them to understand how they can stay safe. You have received a letter last week explaining the content and a further letter today. This is a very sensitive yet important topic even for our young children and it was expertly handled by our guest. Please continue to talk about the issues discussed at home. The website has lots of helpful information that you may find useful.

On the subject of safety, please can we remind everybody that the perimeter gates and fences are there to protect our children and should only be opened by adults. If we have an after school club we will always aim to open the gates 5 mins before the club finishes, but there may be occasions when adults are a little delayed. Please can we ask for your patience if this happens.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks,
Paula Bliss, Headteacher